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In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between one of the following Groups, which the Examiner has identified as allegedly distinct inventions:

I. Claims 1-3, 21, 22 and 24-26, drawn to a non-porous, two polymer system (classified in class 428, subclass 35.7); and

II. Claim 23, drawn to a porous, one polymer system (classified in class 623, subclass 1.39).

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-3, 21, 22 and 24-26.

Applicants respectfully request that consideration of the Group I claims on the merits be commenced. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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